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Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

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ROSE & Co. have received, ex Argyle, Feronia, and French and English MALES.

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Comprising—

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tions.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878.

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Intimations.

OFFICE OF THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in consequence of Messrs OLYPHANT & Co. having SUSPENDED PAYMENT, the Board of Directors of the above Company, at a SPECIAL MEETING held at the Head Office TO-DAY, the 9th instant, Appointed Mr J. BRADLEY SMITH as General Agent, pro tem, by whom all Business of the said Company will be transacted.

To Confirm the Action of the Board of Directors with Reference to the Appointment of Mr J. BRADLEY SMITH as General Agent of the Company, an Extraordinary MEETING of the SHARE-HOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 13th instant, 1878, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, when an audited Statement of the Affairs of the Company will be submitted.

By Order of the Board,

WM. REINERS,
Chairman,
Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

SUBMARINE DIVING.

CAPTAIN W. CLARK has all the necessary Appliances for SALVING Operations, and is prepared to undertake Contracts to work at Wrecks to the Depth of 20 Fathoms.

For particulars as to terms, &c., apply to LANE, ORAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

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F. HUTCHINGS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply

BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC!

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

WHEREAS it has become known to the Proprietors of Dr Bright's Phosphodyne that a worthless imitation, bearing a similar name, is exported to India, China, &c., and endeavoured to be foisted on purchases as equal in efficacy to Dr Bright's Phosphodyne, they feel it due to the public to specially caution them against this compound and request their most careful attention to the following distinctive characteristics of Dr Bright's (the only genuine) Phosphodyne.

1st.—That Dr Bright's Phosphodyne is sold only in cases.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be responsible for any

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of the following Vessels, during their stay

in Hongkong Harbour:

FOSTERATE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A. Morrison.—Meyer & Co.

FAIRY, French barque, Captain E. M. Goffe.—Landetain & Co.

NAPLE, British barque, Capt. W. L. Bryant.—Meier & Co.

FIRTH, British barque, Capt. J. Cowper.—Olyphant & Co.

EARL OF DEVON, British barque, Captain James Beer.—Capt. C. J. Smith.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain H. von Kroge.—Edward Schellens & Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt. Che H. Nelson.—Captain.

CLIVE, British steamer, Captain N. Prowse.—Borneo Company Limited.

S. R. BEARNE, American barque, Capt. A. E. Oakley.—Russell & Co.

PHAROS, British barque, Captain H. Schell.—Wiele & Co.

CINGALE, British barque, Captain John de Couter.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt. W. Willa.—Chinese.

KIWI, Norwegian barque, Captain Ole Larson.—Meyer & Co.

ZEPHYR, British steamer, Capt. Heuer.

MAD OF JUPITER, British barque, Capt. Alfred W. Webb.—Rozario & Co.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glentyn having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 p.m., To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 18th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., Hongkong, December 11, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. SINDH AND DUEMMNAH.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S. Euphrate, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignee, before To-morrow, the 13th Inst., at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Thursday, the 19th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.
Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.
Ex "Pet Ho,"
N. M. K. (in diamond) 64/5. Imp. Aldridge & V. S. C. Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases Millinery.

J. J. S. 10, Order, 1 case Habersham, S. S. 12, Order, 1 case Flannel, from London.

S. J. C. 850, Order, 1 case Merino, from London.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878.

NOTICE.

COKE AND TAPER FOR SALE, IN QUANTITIES TO SUIT PURCHASERS, Apply at the GAS WORKS, West Point.

A. NEWTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 5, 1878.

TO-DAY'S Advertisements.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamship

"EMUY."

BLANCO, Master, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 17th instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

"NINGPO."

J. R. CASS, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, Tuesday, the 17th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMENS & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

FOR AMOY VIA SWATOW.

The Steamship

"D'AMANTE."

Captain THEBAUD, will be despatched as above to TO-MORROW, the 17th inst., at 6 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship

"T'WA."

Captain PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at Day light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship

"KWANTUNG."

Capt. PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at Day light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

FOR MANILA.

The American Ship

"DON QUIXOTE."

Captain KING, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

FOR HONOLULU.

The American Bark

"S. R. BEARNE."

Captain OAKES, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

FOR LIMA.

The American Bark

"CRUSADER."

Captain INGRAM, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL,

HONGKONG.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

M. R. B. VERNON

begs to announce that he will shortly take his

FAREWELL BENEFIT,

On which occasion he will be assisted by the

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS,

Who have kindly given their valuable

services.

COMEDY AND OPERA

FOR

MR. H. VERNON'S

FAREWELL BENEFIT.

Particulars shortly.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

PA.SSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

Per Esmeralda, for Manila, Messrs S.

Martin, and H. Nelson, Mr and Mrs E.

THE CHINA MAIL.

It is a notable fact that Sunday is a great day on which steamers—and sailing vessels for the master of that—put in an appearance. Whether they are timed to arrive on that day or do so by accident it is difficult to determine, but the fact cannot be disputed. Perhaps the Clerk of the Weather is a religious man, and hurries them in time for Church—who knows?

An attempt to commit a burglary last night, or rather early this morning, proved rather disastrous for the would-be thief, who fell headlong from the verandah of the house No. 50 Praya Central, receiving such serious injuries that he had to be conveyed to Hospital, where he now lies with both ankles dislocated and his back broken.

We understand that the Committee of the St. Andrew's Ball have presented Messrs Cullinan and Barr, the boatswain and carpenter of H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel*, with a gold scarf-ring and a letter of thanks for the valuable assistance they rendered in the decorations for the occasion. The rings have the St. Andrew's Cross, a shamrock and thistle on the face, and an inscription on the back.

The Spanish steamer *Ensay*, which arrived here yesterday from Manila, brings no news of the missing steamer *Madagascar*, and we are now almost inclined to fear that she must have shared the fate of the unfortunate *Pardo*, which, it will be remembered, disappeared in the same mysterious manner without the slightest trace being left of her. We shall only be too glad if this conclusion proves to be erroneous, and that the delay is due to nothing worse than a thorough break-down.

It may be noted that the Annual Examination of St. Joseph's College takes place tomorrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon, after which the scholars enjoy a holiday until the 7th proximo. The Annual Examination of the pupils of the Victoria School will take place at 9 a.m. on the 18th (Wednesday), and the prizes will be distributed at 4 p.m. of same day. H. E. the Governor and Mrs Hennessy have promised to be present at the Victoria School on Wednesday afternoon.

Kuo Sung-tao, the Chinese Ambassador in London, writes to the Earl of Salisbury, thanking Englishmen in all parts of the world for "the generous assistance afforded by them [to the Chinese people] in a time of great calamity." The names specially mentioned are—Sir Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sir Thomas Wade, Sir Rutherford Alcock, the Governor of Hongkong, and the various Missionary Societies who inaugurated the China Famine Fund. Lord Salisbury replied briefly to the despatch.

The following notices appear in the Government Gazette of Saturday:—That Senator Albino Moncarini has been recognised as in charge of the Spanish Consulate at this port; that no foreign coinage is allowed to be introduced into the Philippine Islands until further notice; and that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to add the following gentlemen to the Commission of the Peace for the Colony:—The Honourable T. C. Heyllar, Q.C., The Honourable C. B. Plunket, Hugh Bold Gibb, Esq., J. H. Scott, Esq., E. E. Sasseon, Esq., D. A. J. Crombie, Esq., J. G. T. Hassell, Esq., J. J. Francis, Esq., Ng Achoy, Esq., W. Stanley Adams, Esq., M. D., Samuel Barff, Esq., and E. Bowdler Esq.

The performance by the Royal English Opera Company on Saturday was one of the most successful of the season, and was deserving of a far better "house" than assembled to witness it, although the cheaper seats were pretty well filled. Miss Stanley is decidedly better as the prima donna than as the second lady of the Company. Owing, no doubt in a great measure, to the fact that as the prima donna the best songs and the most attractive parts fall to her lot, her voice seems latterly to have gained in both strength and volume. She obtained a liberal allowance of applause on Saturday, and deservedly so. Mr Vernon, although it was evident that he had not quite regained his spirit and dash after his recent illness, went through his part pretty smoothly and successfully. We are very pleased to observe that the Amateur Dramatic Society have kindly expressed their willingness to give him a benefit, and it is quite certain that that benefit will not only be a great treat to the public, but will result in something substantial for Mr. Vernon. Miss Bertha Dragger has never played better than she did on Saturday evening, and seemed to fairly take the audience by surprise. Her efforts were rewarded by several hearty outbursts of applause. The part of "Pomponnet" is one suited to the powers of Mr. Rollings, and he gave it a very successful rendering. Mr. Hageman is a great acquisition to the Company, at least when it plays "La File de Madame Angot." His comic antics "Trenitz" and "Larivaudière" kept the house in a continual roar. Mr. Franklin appears likely to prove another important addition to the strength of the Company. "Louchard" received a capital rendering at his hands; in fact the character assumed a position in the opera it has not on previous occasions occupied, thanks to Mr. Franklin's comic by-play, laughter and gestures. Mr. Phillips and the rest of the Company also appeared to do better than usual. The accompaniments were ably played by Miss Agnes Dragger.

Rev. J. C. Edge, of the London Missionary Society, preached in Union Church yesterday on behalf of the Mission Schools. In the course of his remarks, the Rev. speaker assured his hearers that the religious education of the pupils was carefully attended to, while the powers that be did not fail to satisfy themselves as to the thoroughness of the secular instruction given in the schools. The day would come, he believed, when the Government would not impose conditions; but he thought the times were not yet ripe for that state of things. At present the schools were materially aided by Government, and he also asked for assistance from those present.

On Wednesday and Friday last the Boys' Schools of the Church Missionary Society, under the management of the Rev. A. B. Hutchinson, were examined by the Rev. Dr. Elte, Government Inspector of Schools, with the following highly satisfactory results: St. Stephen's Church School, Tai-ping-shan, of 90 pupils presented in Standards I to VI passed; in St. Stephen's Church School, Sai-ying-pun, of 38 boys in Standards I. to IV. 37 passed. In each case the failures were confined to the IV Standard. It is a matter for congratulation that the whole of the C. M. S. schools for boys and girls, have this year attained to the same degree of proficiency, passing 97 per cent of the pupils.

We understand that H. E. the Governor and Mrs Hennessy visited the Basel Mission School to-day. The examination of the Girls' school was held to-day by the Acting Inspector of Government Schools. His Excellency took an active part in the proceedings, and was much pleased to see that the girls had a knowledge of Chinese by the Roman as well as the Chinese character. Mrs Hennessy examined the needle-work, and the Governor dictated characters to be written in Romanized and Chinese form, after which he asked questions and received satisfactory answers from the girls relative to the history of the world. The girls sang one or two hymns, and finished up with a doxology to the tune of "God save the Queen." Mr and Mrs Hennessy then went over the establishment, the dormitories and dining-room, expressed themselves highly pleased at what they had seen and left the school after having wished every success to the institution. The Basel School is certainly a pattern of simplicity, order, and cleanliness; and the training there received is of the soundest and most healthy kind; so that His Excellency and Mrs Hennessy have done well in encouraging the work of one of the oldest and most respected Protestant missionaries in South China.

An application was made to-day by the Attorney General at the Supreme Court, before the Acting Chief Justice, on a writ of *Habeas Corpus*, for the release of Peter McEwan and John Barry, two men who were confined in Victoria Gaol charged on their own confession with being deserters from the British Army. It would appear that the Military Authorities had refused to recognize the prisoners, hence the action taken by the Attorney General for their release. The Attorney General held that the only course open was for the Magistrate to apply to the Secretary of State, in order to obtain corroborative evidence as to the prisoners being deserters, and if their identity could not be satisfactorily proved they could then be proceeded against before two Justices for having given false testimony; when, if the charge was proved, they could be sent to gaol with hard labour for any term not exceeding three calendar months. No proof was forthcoming against the prisoners except their own confession and description; and the Attorney General, therefore, asked the Court if they were lawfully detained in custody. He (the A. G.) held that, the Military Authorities having refused to recognize the prisoners, they were entitled to their discharge from custody. The prisoners were asked by His Lordship if they had any objection to leaving the gaol, and they replied that they had not. The A. G. said he thought the Military Authorities should have notice of the proceedings which were being taken, and His Lordship then said that he would remand the case until Wednesday in order to allow of this being done.

Some of our residents were not a little surprised lately at the announcement of a concert in aid of the necessitous shareholders in the City of Glasgow Bank. Here is a cutting from a home paper which would seem to justify the aid thus given:—"At a public meeting held at Aberdeen, under the presidency of the Lord Provost, a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the sufferers by the bank failure, and also conveying a wish that a national subscription should be at once made in aid of the necessitous shareholders. The following firms have contributed £3,000 each:—John and James White, James Stevenson, Charles Tennant & Co., Messrs Coutts (Paisley), Napier and McIntyre, and Clark & Co. (Paisley). Mr. James Alexander Campbell gave £2,000, and several others £1,000 each, including Messrs James Campbell, James Long, W. Shirley and Son, Louis Lester, and Stewart and McDonald."

HONGKONG, its Governor, its local Bank, and one of the Bank Directors, have been immortalised by the London *Press* in connection with the proposed statue to Earl Beaconsfield. The skit is headed with a reference to the telegram from Hongkong, stating that "Mr. Pope Hennessy, the

Governor of the Colony, has received from Mr Bellios, a director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the sum of £1,000, for the erection of a statue to the Earl of Beaconsfield at Hongkong." Upon which *Press* puts the following in the Premier's mouth:

"They gave me a Garter in June,
And now they declare they were wrong.
But though Britain aches her hue,
There is Justice at least in Hongkong.
With worship I still must be fed,
Though Imperial policy fail,
I have bid it for years from Pig-head,
I will turn for it now to Pig-tail."

The following accounts of the average amount of bank notes in circulation in Hongkong, during the months ending 31st October, and 30th November, 1878, are published in the *Government Gazette*:

31ST OCTOBER, 1878.

Banks.	Average Amount.
Oriental Bank Corporation.....	\$194,160
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China.....	714,334
Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China.....	738,891
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	1,624,575
Total.....	\$3,169,950

30TH NOVEMBER, 1878.

Bks.	Average Amount.
Oriental Bank Corporation.....	\$346,450
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China.....	642,452
Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China.....	562,580
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	1,430,052
Total.....	\$2,981,514

The *Siam Advertiser* publishes in its issue of the 21st November the Customs return of the Exports from Bangkok during October, of which the following is an abstract:

To Hongkong	\$216,246
Singapore	363,542
Manila	72,507
Europe	45,299
Saigon	1,232
Coast	4,221
Total.....	\$708,040

The export of Rice was as follows:

To Hongkong Pts.	94,647-\$131,844
" Singapore	105,269-\$23,858
" Manila	25,452-\$2,500
Total.. Pts.	195,358 \$487,702

\$40,000 worth of Teesled was shipped to Europe. The other principal exports are as follow:

SINGAPORE.	HONGKONG.
Dollars.....	\$51,889 Dr'd Musseis \$18,460
Buf. Hides.....	18,149 Rosewood ... 12,050
Teedeed.....	15,730 B. Odamum ... 9,720
Raw Silk.....	8,325 Salt Meat ... 6,840
Drd. rawns 7.8 0	Tin 6,375
Salts.....	5,112 Sapawood... 6,102

(London & China Express, Nov. 8.)

It is stated that Captain Thomas E. Smith (1868) will succeed Commodore Watson as senior officer at Hongkong, on the expiration of that officer's term of service in March next. Captain Smith's last service was in command of the *Charybdis*, on the China station.

News from the Cape points to Lieut.-Colonel Amiel, commanding the 80th regiment, being in such bad health that his retirement from active service is thought likely. His friends in Hongkong will share regret at this news.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* says:—"The *Victor Emanuel* is not so highly desired an appointment that many selected for service in that ship have any desire to remain longer than the usual term of three years. Yet we notice that the paymaster, Mr. Henry Wyatt, completed his period of service as long ago as February last. The delay in finding this officer a relief is not a little curious, as we hear that not only has he made no application to remain, and is anxiously looking forward to take his departure from Hongkong, but also that others on half-pay have actually asked that they might be appointed to the *Victor Emanuel*. Perhaps Rear-Admiral Lord Gilford will give five minutes' attention to this matter, and thus gain the thanks of at least two officers.

A letter from Hamburg states—The new gunboat *Wolf*, Lieut. Berks commander, left Wilhelmsfahrt on Oct. 27 on a voyage to China, where she will be stationed for four or five years.

Designs are being drawn up at the Admiralty for the construction of a dock at Vladivostok. As at present constituted, the dockyards on the Pacific Station afford very inadequate accommodation for the reception and repair of vessels; and, in consequence, if any injury happen to the hulls of the men-of-war under Admiral Puzzo's flag, they have to proceed to China or Japan to be docked. Some of the Russian papers consider it a fortunate circumstance that Japan should be making such progress with her naval armaments, and assert that the excellent dock at Yokohama and the abundance of coal and provisions to be found there would make the port an excellent place of call for cruisers in the event of war.

It is announced from Simla that the Chinese Government has issued a decree, confirmed in strong language, ordering the Government of Kashgar to take steps for the immediate arrest of all rebels who have fled to Russian territory.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(Nex.)

On Wednesday, the valuable real estates of the late A. H. de Carvalho, Esq., were offered for sale by public auction. The property comprised both land and buildings, and was submitted in two lots only, the first of which was situated in the Foochow road. This was bought for £1,17,000. The second lot included various properties, and was bought by Chinese for the sum of £1,20,600.

By private information received from Ngaakai we learn that on Monday last a fire broke out on board the M.B. Co.'s steamer *Genkai Maru*, which was then lying in that port. Smoke was seen issuing from the engineers' department, the fire alarm on board was immediately sounded, and assistance

was sent from one of the Russian men-of-war in port. Happily their services were not required, as by the prompt and energetic action of the engineering staff, and the officers and crew generally, the flames had been extinguished and only slight damage was done.

Our readers will have regretted to hear of the sudden demise of another well-known and respected resident in this Settlement, Mr. F. E. Heyden, Consul for the Netherlands.

It is advertised in another column, that in consequence of an agreement made with the French Post-Office, and in pursuance of instructions from the Company's head office, the mail steamer *Petrie* will be despatched from Shanghai on Sunday, the 22nd instant, instead of Friday, the 20th, as previously mentioned.

The air is full of rumours respecting the future of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, consequent, it may be supposed, upon the action recently taken with respect to the foundry and dock worked by the Company in Hongkew. The latest rumour is, and we give it with all reservation, that Mr. Robert Hart is engaging a staff of employees in England for the especial purpose of working the business on behalf of the Company. Should this be true, it will give colour to what has been said respecting both the finances and the ill-success attending their administration hitherto. The letter of our Tientsin correspondent, given in another column, also throws considerable light on the prudent measures of retrenchment lately commenced by the management.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

December 16, 1878.

DRUNKENNESS.

Auguste Dreno, seaman British ship *Earl of Devon*, drunk and incapable. Fined 50 cents.

John Hay and Robert Maginnis, privates 74th Highlanders, drunk and disorderly. Fined 6 shillings each.

ALLEGED THEFT BY A EUROPEAN BOY.

John Pengelly, aged 16, a native of Australia and employed as stage boy by the Opera Company, was charged by Mr. Thomas Sutton Liley, with stealing some clothing, &c.

Complainant stated—I went to the Oriental Hotel about the end of October last; at that time the defendant was my servant and went with me to the hotel. He lived with me there until the 10th October, when I was arrested for debt and sent to Gaol. A few days after my commitment, the proprietor of the Hotel came to the Gaol and gave me information in consequence of which I sent for the defendant and ordered him to give over all my effects to the proprietor's charge. The boots and the suit of sleeping clothes produced are my property and were left in the defendant's charge when I went to Gaol; they were then in my room in the hotel. On my release from Gaol in November last, I asked Mr. Rose (one of the proprietors) for the boots, and he said he had never received them. I then made enquiries at the hotel about them, but cannot swear that I asked the defendant where they were. I have missed a large quantity of clothes and apply for a warrant to search the defendant's bag, which is locked in his room at the hotel.

The case was remanded until

Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERNEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;
ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"GEELONG," Captain C. Fraser, will
leave this on SATURDAY, the 21st De-
cember, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de21

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT-DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MAESSELIERS;

ALSO,
MAHE, ST. DENIS, PORT LOUIS,
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 28th December,
1878, at Noon, the Company's
S. S. PEIHO, Commandant PASQUALINI,
with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.,
on the 27th December, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1878. de28

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GALLIO" will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on TUESDAY, the 31st December, at
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 30th December. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN PAS-
SENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de21

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to close
his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies
that all DEPTS and CLAIMS due to or
by him, he will collect and pay.
The Interest and Good will of his Business
has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS
LA PRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs
DOUGLAS LA PRAIK & Co. have
this Day established a BRANCH of their
Firm at Swatow, and have authorized
Mr G. D. FITMAN to sign Procuratorial
DOUGLAS LA PRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day established myself as
GENERAL and SHARE BROKER,
CARL DENEKE,
Office, Bank Buildings.

December 6, 1878.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I.
and II. A to M, with Introduction, Royal
Svo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZEL,
Ph.D. Tübingen.

FIVE FIVE DOLLARS, OF TWO DOLLARS
AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs
KELLY & WALK, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS
STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at
Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS
GODOWNS, under European supervision;
and VESSELS Discharged alongside the
WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick
despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

CANTON COTTON YARN MILL,
ALSO KNOWN AS THE
F U O N H O N G .

ALL PARTIES indebted to the above Estate
are requested to make immediate
Payment, and all CLAIMS on the same
must be presented on or before the 31st
Instant, or they will not be recognized.

T. B. CUNNINGHAM,
Attorney for DANIEL BROOMAN,
and THE KWAI CHIN,
doing business under the name of
FU ON HONG.

Canton, December 11, 1878. de19

NOTICE.

FOUNDRY AND DOCK,
FOR SALE OR TO BE LET.

TENDERS will be Received until the
1st JANUARY, 1879, for the absolute
PURCHASE or LEASE for One, Two or Three
Years of all that VALUABLE PROPERTY
known as the CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S FOUNDRY, situated
at Hongkong, Shanghai, in the Empire of
China, comprising several Rows of GO-
DOWNS and DWELLING HOUSES for
the Staff, and several Rows of WORK-
SHOPS, with all TOOLS, &c., complete,
and Covering an Area of about 2½ acres.
The Foundry commands a fine River
Frontage of about 300 feet Long, and is
the most complete for the Building and
Repairing of Ships in China.

Applicants are requested to state the
Term upon which they will take the above
Property.

SIMILAR TENDERS will be Received
until the 1st JANUARY, 1879, for the
COMPANY'S DOCK, situated at Foo-tung,
Shanghai, in the Empire of China, which
Dock measures 336 feet by 78 feet, Dock
Entrance 72 feet, River Frontage about
1,200 feet, and Covering an Area of about
4 English acres, with Two DWELLING
HOUSES, a BLACKSMITH SHOP and
CARPENTER'S SHED attached.

In case of a Sale, one half of the Pur-
chase Money can remain on mortgage of
the Property assigned, and in the case of a
Lease, substantial security must be given
for the due fulfillment of the same by the
Lessee. The Company does not bind
itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

For further Particulars, apply to
CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
Hawke Road,

SHANGHAI. de28

To Let.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East:—

No. 2, THE FIRST FLOOR, with imme-
diate possession.

No. 3, THE FIRST FLOOR and BASE-
MENT, either separately or toge-
ther, with immediate possession.

As also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Cor-
ridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING
HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at
Wanchai. These may be had in Apart-
ments of Two or Three Rooms to suit con-
venience. Fine spacious Veranda looking
on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

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FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
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Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on
Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to

MEYER & Co.,

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers,
Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
Praya Central.

Apply to

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Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

Insurances.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

ANCHOR COMPANY.

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AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of

China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHLIE, Esq.,

MAYER & Co.,

Hongkong, August 18, 1878.

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Act of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE, to the extent of
£10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessel, and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent,

pro tem.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are prepared
to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sum not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Fooch